

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 9-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 10 and 12 are amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claims 6-8 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. This Amendment supplements Applicant's June 6, 2008 Request for Reconsideration, the arguments from which are not repeated here. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,707,566 to Endoh; and claims 6-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Endoh in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,099,026 to Hren. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Independent claim 1, and similarly independent claim 12, call for a password storing section that stores a unique password, a discriminating section that judges whether the password is appropriately input by comparing the password to the stored unique password and a changing section that allows the unique password to be changed to a new unique password based on a command.

As admitted, on page 7, of the Office Action, Endoh fails to disclose a password.

Applicant asserts that Hren fails to disclose or suggest the above-mentioned features. Hren discloses that the customer service representative at an external location creates the password, the password is then passed along to the customer, and the customer then enters the password into the printer to receive validation to use various extra features (see Hren's col. 5, line 43 - col. 6, line 9). Therefore, Hren's password is not sent by an external device with input information, which also includes apparatus information and operation information (see Applicant's independent claims 1 and 12), to the electronic apparatus. Thus, it is not the fact that the password is sent remotely or locally as asserted in the July 11, 2008 Advisory Action,

but instead it is the fact that the password is not sent in input information, as defined in independent claims 1 and 12.

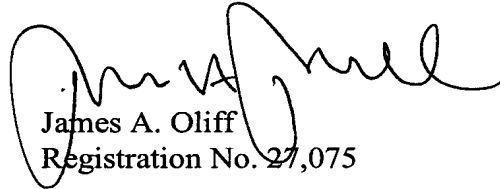
Furthermore, Hren only discloses the generation of the printer version 33 and the pass code that is compared to the customer pass code 23 for validation consideration (see Hren's col. 6, lines 15-24). Thus, there is no need for Hren to include a password storing section because the printer version 33 pass code is only used once for validation purposes. Moreover, Hren only generates one printer version 33 pass code based upon the printer 12 serial number 26 for a one time event. Therefore, the printer version 33 pass code is not allowed to be further changed to another unique pass code by a command. Thus, it is not the fact that a password can be stored as also asserted in the July 11, 2008 Advisory Action, but instead it is the fact that there is a password storing section that allows for the unique password to be changed to a new unique password upon input of a command, as called for in independent claims 1 and 12. Thus, Hren fails to overcome the deficiencies of Endoh as mentioned above.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, in supplement to the claim amendments and remarks made in Applicant's June 6, 2008 Request for Reconsideration, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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